

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

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PASS WHITE HOUSE/SCHLESINGER, FEA, AND FPC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, CA

SUBJECT: NATURAL GAS AVAILABILITY

REF: OTTAWA 372

1. NEB CHAIRMAN CROWE NOW TELLS ME THAT OPTION FOR  
U.S. OF TAKING ELECTRICITY FROM ONTARIO HYDRO IN PLACE  
OF UP TO 120 MILLION CUBIC FEET A DAY EXTRA OF GAS  
NO LONGER EXISTS.

2. ONTARIO HYDRO HAS AGREED TO REDUCE ITS DEMAND FOR  
NATURAL GAS BY 60 MILLION CUBIC FEET A DAY FOR  
FEBRUARY, WITH A COMPARABLE DECREASE (ROUGHLY 400 TO  
200 MEGAWATTS) IN ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION FOR EXPORT.  
THIS GAS WILL BE AVAILABLE "TO HELP MAINTAIN EXPORTS  
TO THE STATES.

3. CROWE REFUSED TO BE PINNED DOWN ON WHETHER THE  
60 MILLION CUBIC FEET WOULD BE ADDITIONAL TO THE  
ROUGHLY 400 MILLION DAILY AVERAGE ALREADY MOVING  
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TO COLUMBIA (REFTEL). HE NOTES THAT EXPORT DELIVERIES  
TO COLUMBIA IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THEIR CONTRACT RAN  
UP TO 600 MILLION CUBIC FEET DAILY, BUT ARE ONLY 200  
MILLION TODAY. CROWE SAYS HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN  
THE 400 MILLION AVERAGE AND DO "SOMEWHAT BETTER", BUT  
APPEARS VAGUER AND LESS OPTIMISTIC THIS AFTERNOON THAN  
THIS MORNING.

4. WE WILL BE IN DAILY TOUCH WITH HIM.  
ENDERS

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## Message Attributes

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